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Subject: Reporter's query about GenX issue in Cape Fear

Hi Larry and Davina. I'm a reporter at NC Health News. Jamie Krietzer at NC DEQ said you would be the right pios at EPA to contact regarding questions regarding the ongoing inquiry to the discovery of PFOA replacement chemicals in the Cape Fear River downstream of the Chemours' Fayetteville Works.

For a story I'm filing on Wednesday, here are my questions:

What is the scope of EPA's investigation into the discovery of the compounds in the Cape Fear?

If the EPA determines that Chemours plant did not comply with 2009 consent order with EPA that strictly limited release of PFOA replacement chemicals from its GenX operation in Fayetteville, what range of penalties could EPA impose on the company?

Chemours officials have told NC officials that the compounds did not come from its GenX operations. Instead they came from another site at Fayetteville Works, possibly starting back in the 1980s. Does that appear to be plausible?

Given the limits of release imposed by the consent order, did Chemours have any legal standing to release the PFOA replacements from anywhere at Fayetteville Works in the river?

How long as EPA been aware that that PFOA replacements were being released from the industrial property?

I'm happy to speak by phone if that is best for you.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Best wishes,
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